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FOREWORD

This hand-book has been designed primarily as a guide both for the Freshmen and for all new students.

In the following pages an attempt has been made to acquaint the newcomer with the traditions and customs of the school and the activities of the various student organizations. We hope that the brief acquaintance thus formed will be strengthened and enlarged by actual contact with the many pleasant associations afforded at M. S. A.

The Student Association

The present Student Association was organized in 1922 on a plan presented to the school by the principal, Mr. Royal B. Farnum. While it is not precisely a student government, the Association has many of the functions of such an organization and is an integral factor in student life. It is primarily an agency for the promotion and supervision of social life and extra-curricular activities, and it has sole control of the financial affairs involved in student enterprises.

The political structure of the Association consists of two inter-related units; the Council of the whole, and the Advisory Board. The Council of the whole is the entire membership of the Association, which includes every student in the school. The legislative power is vested in this council, and it must pass on all amendments to the Association's constitution and may make decisions on important questions affecting the policy of the Association. The executive power is possessed by the Advisory Board. This Board includes the Association officers, the class presidents, the heads of the various student organizations, and a faculty committee. It has the general direction of all student activities.

One of the most important duties of the Association is the administration of finances for the various school organizations. The funds received annually from the collection of membership fees is budgeted among the different classes and clubs. Each organization is credited with a specified sum and its expenses are paid from this amount by the Association treasurer as requested by the organization's treasurer. This method centralizes responsibility and simplifies business relations between school organizations and outside concerns.

The Year Book

The past few years have witnessed a considerable change in the make-up and policy of the school year book.

Originating as a type of class album edited by the Junior class, it has evolved into a publication designed to worthily represent the aims and work of the entire school. In its present form the Year Book retains the desirable features of the class album, such as photographs and write-ups, and furnishes in addition a folio of reproductions of student work. This work is selected with a two-fold aim. First, to illustrate the type of training offered by the various departments of the school; second, to publish a limited amount of material that shall be chosen for its individual excellence.

Heretofore the question of financing the book has been a serious problem. The Student Association has now put the Year Book on a new financial basis and assumed the responsibility for its publication. It should therefore be possible to still further augment the scope of the book.

Year Book Staff for 1929-30

<i>Editor-in-chief</i>	Grace Scott
<i>Assistant Editor</i>	Howard Curtis
<i>Business Manager</i>	Ruth Cooper
<i>Literary Editor</i>	Kenneth Barton
<i>Assistants</i>	{ Marjorie Oliver
	{ Dorothy Miller
<i>Art Editor</i>	Betty Sherborn
<i>Assistant</i>	Doris Nooney
<i>Photograph Editor</i>	Fred Clark
<i>Class Editors</i>	
Senior	R. Henry Blattner
Junior	Parker Lord
Sophomore	Marion Russ

The Mascart Theatre

The Mascart Theatre was organized in the fall of 1928 by a group of students interested in the theatre and dramatic arts. It is patterned on the plan of an experimental theatre and its purpose is to provide a means for the study of the drama and for practical experimentation in stage-craft from the artist's standpoint.

During its first season under the direction of M. Walker Burbank and Edmund Bradley the Theatre staged several one-act plays and also produced "Geber" a medieval fantasy written by Doris B. Thorsen one of the Theatre members. This latter play was an all-student production of considerable magnitude and involved a large outlay of work. Many novel and impressive effects in lighting, costuming, and scenic design combined to render "Geber" one of the finest pageants ever staged in the history of the school.

The requirements for membership in the Theatre are a genuine interest in the theatre arts and a willingness to work. It offers a fine opportunity not only for practical training but also for original creative expression.

Officers for 1929-30

<i>Director</i>	Stephen P. Yocobowski, '30
<i>Assistant Director</i>	M. Donald Plummer, '30
<i>Secretary</i>	Faith Hale, '30
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Frances Redmond, '31
<i>Treasurer</i>	Eda Adler, '32
<i>Publicity Manager</i>	Kenneth H. Barton, '30
<i>Property Manager</i>	Meyer A. Goldstein, '32
<i>Musical Director</i>	Robert Amendola, '30
<i>Scene Designer</i>	R. Henry Blattner, '30
<i>Costume Designer</i>	Rose Veselak, '30
<i>Electrician</i>	Cyril B. O'Hearn, '30

Weekly Assembly

Every Wednesday morning the school meets for a general assembly period. The programs are arranged by a committee and efforts are made to secure a variety of interesting features. Numerous musical and dramatic organizations as well as prominent lecturers, artists, and singers are included on the schedule.

Once a month the assembly is in charge of the Student Association for the transaction of business.

The Christmas Spread

Prior to the Christmas holidays the school holds an annual spread in the form of a luncheon followed by a program of entertainment and dancing.

Smock Day

Smock Day, following the elimination examinations, marks the formal acceptance of the Freshmen into the ranks of the student body. On this occasion the yearlings are invested with their smocks by the Seniors as a symbol of their reception into fellowship with the upper classes. The ceremonies are concluded with an inter-class dance.

Class Dances

Each class customarily holds a dance during the year. The dates of these affairs usually fall in the order of class seniority, and the Junior Prom is considered the high-water mark of the social calendar.

Athletics

Under present conditions it is impossible to successfully maintain any form of regular athletic activity. For the past two years, however, the school has played an annual football game with the Vesper George School. The first contest in 1927 was won by Vesper George 14-12. Last fall M. S. A. through the medium of touchdowns scored by Reynolds and Silverman defeated its rival 12-0, thereby winning the first leg on the challenge cup established last fall by the two schools.

Membership of the 1928 Team

Ends — Quinn, Harris, Amendola.

Tackles — Reynolds, Levinson.

Guards — Hoff, Midman.

Center — Hindon

Quarterback — Capone.

Halfbacks — Winters (Capt.), Brotman, Silverman.

Fullback — Carlson.

Subs — Greeley, Duncan, Marble.

The Fall Exhibition

Each fall the Student Association sponsors an exhibition of work done by students outside of regular class work. Generally it consists of material produced independently during the summer. The usual rules govern the exhibition, and the committee in charge may reject any work considered below the necessary grade.

Further details will be announced later.

**Organization of the Student
Association
1929-1930**

<i>President</i>	KENNETH H. BARTON, '30
<i>Vice-President</i>	HELEN CASEY, '31
<i>Secretary</i>	GLADYS RITCHIE, '30
<i>Treasurer</i>	ROGER WOLCOTT, '31

**Class Organizations
1930**

<i>President</i>	M. DONALD PLUMMER
<i>Vice-President</i>	WALEA GRUNDEMAN
<i>Secretary</i>	HELEN TOWLE
<i>Treasurer</i>	DOROTHY B. CHAMBERS

1931

<i>President</i>	PARKER LORD
<i>Vice-President</i>	RUTH COOPER
<i>Secretary</i>	DORCAS F. TUCKER
<i>Treasurer</i>	HOWARD CURTIS

1932

<i>President</i>	MARIO CAPONE
<i>Vice-President</i>	SAM A. MIDMAN
<i>Secretary</i>	MARGARET HALL
<i>Treasurer</i>	MEYER A. GOLDSTEIN

The Freshman class will organize following the October examinations.

The Constitution of the Student Association of the Massachusetts School of Art.

ARTICLE I — *Name*

The name of this organization shall be The Student Association of the Massachusetts School of Art.

ARTICLE II — *Object*

The object of this organization shall be to represent and to further the interests of the student body; to secure co-operation between the different classes; and to promote responsibility, self-control, and loyalty in the Student Body. The Association shall arrange for exhibitions, entertainments and all dramatic presentations with the co-operation of the Faculty Committee.

ARTICLE III — *Membership — Dues*

Section 1. Membership in the Student Association is obligatory upon all students in the school except in such special cases as may be heard and determined before the Advisory Committee. The Student Association dues shall be eight dollars for all regular students giving half time or more, and four dollars for all students giving less than half time. Payment of these dues entitles the student to a membership card, which grants him all the privileges and benefits of the Association.

Sec. 2. One-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the members constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the election of officers.

ARTICLE IV — *Legislative Department*

The legislative power shall be vested in the council as a whole. The power of veto shall lie with the director of the school.

ARTICLE V — *Executive Department*

Section 1. The executive power shall be vested in the Advisory Committee which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) The President, who shall be chosen from the members in good standing of the incoming Senior Class.
- (b) The Vice-President, who shall be chosen from members in good standing from the incoming Junior Class.
- (c) The Secretary, who shall be chosen from members in good standing from any class.
- (d) The Treasurer, who shall be chosen from members in good standing from any class.
- (e) The Presidents of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman Classes respectively.
- (f) The President, of the various organizations in the school.
- (g) The Editor-in-Chief of the Year Book.
- (h) The Faculty Committee.
- (i) A quorum for the Advisory Committee shall be two officers and eight members.

Sec. 2. The election of officers for the following year shall take place in May in the following* manner:

- (a) Nomination shall be made from the floor. Nominations shall be followed within a week by election for that office.
- (b) The term of office shall end with the school year.

- (c) In case of a vacancy in any office this vacancy shall be filled at once by a new election. If the election shall come before the first of October, the Freshman Class shall not be allowed to vote.

Sec 3.

- (a) Any student having paid his Student Association fee is eligible to vote for Student Association officers.
- (b) Any student having paid his Student Association fee is eligible to hold a Student Association office, subject to conditions under Amendment 4.

Sec. 4.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the President of the Association:
 - (1) To assist in a proper observation of its constitution.
 - (2) To represent the Association on public occasions.
 - (3) To preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Advisory Committee.
 - (4) To appoint all committees and their chairmen not otherwise provided for.
 - (5) To appoint a Secretary Pro Tem, in the absence of the regular Secretary.
 - (6) To serve at his or her discretion as an ex-officio member of any committee of the Association or the Advisory Committee.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Vice-President of the Association:
 - (1) In the absence of the President to take the chair and execute the duties of the President's office.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Association:

- (1) To keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association.
- (2) To keep a list of the members.
- (3) To notify all members of all meetings at least three days in advance.
- (4) To attend to all correspondence.
- (5) To appoint a temporary chairman in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
- (6) To prepare a report to be read at the annual meeting.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of this Association:
 - (1) To take charge of the funds of the organization.
 - (2) To audit books of all class and organization treasurers who are under the jurisdiction of, and subject to accounting by the Association Treasurer.
 - (3) To determine with the budget committee all class and other organization budgets in September.
 - (4) To hand in to the President of the Student Association a written statement of the monthly bank balance on the fifth school day of each month during the school year.
 - (5) All class and organization expenditures are to be made with the written approval of the class President or President of the organization in question.
 - (6) All business transacted by the various classes and other organizations with the Student Association President must be conducted either on Mondays or Thursdays during the school year.

Sec. 5. The Advisory Committee shall meet on the last Wednesday of each month. The President may in addition call extra

meetings at the written request of two or more members of the committee.

The first regular meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be called by the President at the earliest possible date after the class election, which shall take place the first week in October.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings of the Association

The meetings may be called by the President of the Association at any time or at the written request of twelve members of the Association to the President.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I — *Restriction of Office*

No Student Association officer shall hold a class office.

ARTICLE II — *The Advisory Committee*

The Advisory Committee shall be responsible for one dance or entertainment annually.

ARTICLE III — *Amendment Procedure*

All amendments to the constitution governing the student organization must first be presented to the student body, and a majority vote secured before the amendment is presented to the advisory board. Should the amendment receive a two-third vote by the advisory board it will be presented again to the student body for ratification and acceptance by a three-fourth vote of those present and voting.

AMENDMENTS

Number One

- (a) Class officers shall be elected during the last semester of the closing year.

Number Two

All money left in the budget of any class except the Senior Class at the end of the school year shall be carried over and credited to said class for the ensuing year. Money left over by the Senior Class shall revert back to the Association Treasury.

Number Three

The Advisory Board shall serve as a nominating committee to present to the student body two or more names of eligible candidates for the different offices in the Student Association elections. Before such presentation a period of two weeks will be allotted during which time candidates' names may be presented to this committee with the endorsement of ten signatures to each name.

Number Four

A chief office in any school activity shall be filled by only those students whose records in every respect are entirely clear. These offices include, Presidents, Editors, Captains and Chairmen of Major Committees.

Number Five

All members of classes, organizations or committees accruing debts in the name of said classes, organizations or committees must have a signed order from the president or chairman of the above to the Treasurer of the Student Association before being able to obtain the money.

Number Six

The Advisory Board shall have the power to decide whether or not any organization shall receive financial aid from the Student Association.

Privileges of S. A. Membership

In return for your membership fee you are entitled to the following:

1. Copy of the S. A. Handbook.
2. Copy of the Year Book.
3. Admission to the Smock Day dance.
4. Admission to the Christmas spread and dance.
5. Permission to enter Exhibition subject to rules.
6. Admission to the annual S. A. picnic.
7. Reduced rates at performances of the Mascart Theatre.
8. Reduced ticket prices at your own class dance.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

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